

PAC Agenda
May 4, 2012
1:00 Eastern Standard Time

Attending:

Alana Mesenbrink, NWS	Titus Hardiman, SWD
Jamie Gyolai, MVD	Chris Rapenchuk, LRD
Heather Burke, HQUSACE	Joel, Miller, SPN
Chad, Eller, SAW	Darrell Lewis, CNREF
	Debbie Chenoweth, CNREF

1. Minutes Approval for March to post on the Gateway.
2. Prospect training development committee update: Jeff, Joel, Heather, and Chad
 - a. Duty/Task list, course objectives, and schedule of instruction developed for HLC.
 - b. HLC will send course survey to the field in May to determine interest/participation for classes.
 - c. Test questions finalized and submitted to HLC.
 - d. Tuition estimated at \$1,750 with class size of 30 students.
 - e. Locations/Dates for Training: February 4-8, 2013 Portland, OR; April 22-26, Fort Worth, TX; October 28 – November 4, East coast location TBD (Sturbridge, MA?)
 - f. First session in Portland – All PAC team members + Burke attend, Jeff and/or Chris G assist (3 + Burke funded by PROSPECT, 4 funded by PAC funds, Jeff/Chris G – funding TBD (PAC or locally funded?) Debby Chenoweth from CNREF guest speaker and cover grants. Local partners (Fish & Wildlife Service) and staff requested as needed. Field trip to Bonneville.
 - g. Second session in Fort Worth – 3 PAC team members + Burke funded by PROSPECT, Jeff and Doug Cox locally funded. Local partners and staff requested as needed. Field trip to Lewisville or other SWF lake with OLWF partnership.
 - h. Third session on East Coast - 3 PAC team members + Burke funded by PROSPECT. Local partners and staff requested as needed. Field trip TBD.
 - i. **Tasks** (Due by PAC meeting in October):
 - Develop student reporting instructions for Portland- **Heather**
 - Work with Bonneville and NWP staff to invite partners to field trip day - **Heather**
 - Biographies – **ALL**
 - Powerpoints – Divide topics among team members and develop powerpoints using Corps template – **ALL**
 - Submit travel vouchers and return unused funds to Ft. Worth. Let Chris R know the amount of final voucher - **Jeff, Chris G, Chad, and Joel**
3. APPL/USACE Workshop
 - a. Speaker thank you letters signed and sent to supervisors April 26.
 - b. Electronic version sent to recipients April 27.
 - c. Chris R. to submit Engineer Update article on award to Caesar Creek.
 - d. APPL 2013 will be in Portland and Heather is on the APPL Planning Committee.
4. CNREF Update - Darrell Lewis
 - a. Acting Chair is Darrell Lewis
 - b. Audit is completed.

- c. Two new members have joined, and are working on a grassroots effort to work directly with projects to set cooperating associations.
 - d. Debbie Chenoweth is pursuing grants to fund CNREF.
 - e. They are still pursuing the SCA program or other means to create an administrative support position.
 - f. Pursuing donations thru Rec.gov site can a donation button be added?
5. Partnership 101 webinar- Next training scheduled for May 9, 9:00 – 10:00 pacific. Reminder sent to field on 1 May.
- a. Chad will host the next session.
6. Handshake Update – Four agreements are still pending.
- a. Discussion on FY 13 Handshake program details.
 - 1. Bonus Points for FY 13
 - a.) Acceptable gateway success stories b.) New Cooperating
 - 2. Remove restriction on waiting period as yearly submissions will be accepted.
 - b. Select webinar dates – Action Officer Allen
7. Partner Outreach – Chris R. will have draft concept on “How and why partner with the Corps” by June call – will be similar format as “Value to the Nations” publications.
8. Identify partners/Cooperating Association inquiry and selections- Jamie
- a. Status of action item from PAC Charter
9. Volunteer and Partnership Handbook – action item from PAC Charter will be postpone till FY 13.
10. New Business
- a. Update on 21 CSC FACA meeting, May 1-3, Denver, CO – Heather
 - 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC)
 - a. Represented the Corps as a member of the 21CSC federal advisory committee.
 - b. Committee is developing recommendations for Secretary Salazar on how to expand opportunities to engage young people in conservation and recreation work on public lands through this new program.
 - c. A report will submitted by the committee in July.
 - d. The 21CSC will facilitate opportunities for federal agencies to use youth corps organizations and individuals to accomplish needed work at lower costs and in partnerships.
 - e. USACE may look to expand partnerships with youth organizations as recreation budgets decrease.
 - b. CAST MOU status – Heather – MOU to be released 4 June 2012
 - c. Volunteer Pass survey results - Heather - 300 responses with 75% favorable and 25% not in favor but comments are being reviewed. She will be meeting with Rachel to discuss implementation.
 - d. Legends/Beacon award selection process – deadline is 15 May.
11. Next Call: 15 June at 1:00 EST.

